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It seems strange to ban firecrackers and go on producing H-bombs.

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Wind, Rain and Lightning Fells Trees, Wires, Ignites Barn

Northfield and nearby areas have had two heavy storms with rain, winds, lightning and thunder costing many hundreds of dollars to the utility companies, highway departments and householders through the section.

Last week Wednesday's storm began about 12:30 and coming from the southwest seemed to hit Northfield with wind on the South Mountain where 12 trees or parts of them blocked the road so that the rural delivery mail was not able to get through. Kenneth Miller, superintendent of highways, and a crew of men cleared the area through the afternoon. Telephone and electric light crews were called to repair broken lines.

The storm seemed to return in the early evening. A branch from a large elm tree near the Carroll Miller residence fell and caused a short circuit on 4600 volt electric lines which fell to the ground. The local fire department was called out for that and for a similar accident in front of the Charles Repeta home on Main street.

On Monday late in the afternoon a severe electric storm with heavy rain and winds drenched a section of the town.

Lightning struck and set fire to a barn on the property of Miss Mae Henshaw on the Millers Falls road between Northfield and Northfield Farms about 6:30. Fire departments from Millers Falls, Deerfield, Bernardston and Gill responded to assist the local department. Water was obtained from a nearby brook to save the house. Hay was stored in the barn as was some furniture and the estimated loss, not covered by insurance, is \$8,000.

Mrs. Henshaw, the owner, who is employed at a rest home in Millers Falls, was at work at the time of the fire. It was hours before the large amount of hay was burned and local men were on duty there most of the night.

A truck and crew from Hinsdale, N. H., stood by at the Northfield fire house under the tri-state mutual aid system.

Young Fishermen Invited to Party

At the meeting of the Northfield Fish and Game association next week Friday evening, July 2, there is to be a "fishing contest" party for all those children who entered the spring contest and registered fish they had caught. The invitations being sent to them read "Who caught the largest fish? Come and find out." The prize winners will be announced next Friday evening and the awards made.

Firemen To Hold Ten-Week School

The first session of a "Firemen's school" was held Thursday evening of this week at 7 o'clock at the fire house. Deputy Chief Tetreault of Greenfield is the instructor. All interested adults and high school age boys are invited to attend. The school consists of 10 weekly Thursday evening sessions with the purpose of giving training in basic firefighting and prospective and future firemen are especially urged to attend.

Any who could not attend this first session are invited to come next Thursday evening.

Northfield Teacher Presents Pupils in Piano Recital

Thirty-eight piano pupils of Leon Dunnell of Northfield played in the annual recital in Social Hall at Mount Hermon Monday evening. They follow:

Stephen and Fred Hartley, sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hartley of Montague Road, Turners Falls; Susan and Gail Leonard, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Leonard, Northfield; Jonathan Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fowler, of Northfield Farms; Jeannie Shearer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shearer, Northfield Farms.

Stephen Putnam, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Putnam, Turnpike Road, Turners Falls; Linda LaShier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. LaShier, Ferrante Avenue, Greenfield; Beth Winer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Winer, 633 Bernardston Road, Greenfield; Rinda Aldrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Aldrich, 75 Hast-

ings Street, Greenfield; Betty Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Edwards, Deerfield Street, Greenfield.

Carolyn Fish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fish, Winchester Road, East Northfield; David Pearsall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearsall, 197 Main Street, East Northfield; Richard Strecker, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Strecker, 38 Wildwood Avenue, Greenfield; Karen Weston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weston of Bridge Street, Riverside; Carolyn Noga, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Noga, Walnut Street, Riverside.

Sharon Abroise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Niedzwiecki, Montague Road, Turners Falls; Cathleen Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Powers, Main Street, Northfield; Angela Randall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan

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Two Churches Hold Daily Bible Schools

Two Daily Vacation Bible schools are in session here in Northfield with morning sessions each day. Miss Marian Cairns of Southeastern university of Birmingham, Ala., is the director of the school at the Northfield Baptist church with Mrs. William Messer assisting. Other workers are Mrs. Everett Hurlburt and Gerry Durant, pre-school group; Mrs. John Fisher, Mrs. Lula Carey and Mrs. Bernard Neipp, primary group; Mrs. Ralph Perry, Mrs. Berton Rogers, Mrs. Frank Stratton, Mrs. William McComb and Mrs. Leona Barrett, junior group; Mrs. Samuel Bishop and Mrs. Ervin Snyder, intermediate group, and Pastor Paul Bubar, the young people's group. Mrs. Berton Whitney will be in charge of the handiwork and Mrs. Ralph Perry will serve as pianist. Busses provide transportation to all sessions which are held from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The Daily Vacation Bible school at Community No. 3 is in charge of Richard Griffin of Deposit, N. Y., who teaches the intermediate group. Other teachers are Miss June Browning, juniors; Hazel Joy Marcy, primary group; Hazel Browning, beginners, and Mrs. Hazel Marcy, nursery group. There are over 45 children enrolled this year.

WHA! Gallery Has New Exhibit

There is an exhibit this week at the WHAI art gallery in Greenfield of 15 paintings by Donald C. Greason of East Colrain. The gallery is open from 9 to 5 o'clock each week day and by appointment on weekends.

The exhibit is called "Winter Here and Winter There," and the scenes were painted in the Colrain area and in Maitland, Fla.

Mr. Greason is a professional artist having had many exhibits in this country and abroad. He has held positions in various art galleries and is an instructor with much experience. His paintings, not of the common type, are well worth a special trip to the WHAI gallery.

"The Old Homestead" To Be Presented in Potash Bowl, Swanzy

The 16th annual revival presentation of Denman Thompson's "The Old Homestead," is to be given at the Potash Bowl in Swanzy, N. H., on July 12, 13 and 14, at 8:15 each evening with a band concert preceding at 7:30.

Friday evening, July 12, there will be a supper at the Brick Meeting house in Swanzy Center and at the Community church in West Swanzy and Saturday evening a supper at the Grange hall served by the Golden Rod Grange. No reservations are necessary for these suppers—first come, first served.

The Potash Bowl, a natural amphitheater, surrounded by tall pines, is located on Route 32—"The Old Homestead Highway" in Swanzy Center, only a short distance from the original "Old Homestead" and only a few miles from Denman Thompson's home.

This play, "The Old Homestead," played four years in New York and two years each in Boston and Philadelphia and several years in Chicago, San Francisco and Philadelphia.

This year's production is directed from the original script with many original costumes, properties and scenery.

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Summer Services Begin Friday In New Open-Air Tabernacle



Walter Haman, founder and director of New Life Boys' Ranch in Pennsylvania, who will be the first speaker in the series of five Friday night services to be held in the Open Air Tabernacle.

The name "Open-Air Tabernacle" has been given to a piece of property on the grounds of the Northfield Baptist church.

Not being able to secure a meeting place locally, to accommodate the expected crowds at the summer Friday night services, the Northfield Baptist church has prepared its own facilities.

Using a 1 1/4 acre lawn, utility poles with bars of flood-lamps have been erected, bleacher seats to accommodate 600 people have been set, a large floral backdrop in the shape of a cross and a public address system, set the atmosphere for the inspiring meetings to be held here.

The "open-air tabernacle" not only meets the need of ample seating capacity, but also it affords the comfort of the cool summer evenings.

It has been prepared especially for the services to be conducted every Friday night through July 26. Outstanding speakers have been engaged and a wonderful time is expected by all those who will attend.

Walter Haman, founder and director of New Life Boys' Ranch of Harleysville, Penn., will be the first of a series of five speakers at the special Friday night services in the "Open-Air Tabernacle," beginning this Friday, June 28.

Mr. Haman spent six years as a criminal investigator with the Pennsylvania state police and six years as personal bodyguard for Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. Mr. Haman is one of the most unique speakers in America and appears almost daily in churches, high schools, business men's clubs and other civil organizations. The boys at the Ranch never tire of hearing him relate experiences gathered during his one hundred and fifty thousand miles of travel with the Presidents, including historic Yalta, Cairo, Casablanca and Potsdam. After he resigned from the secret service he became an evangelist for six years. In 1952 he served as associate director of Youth Haven at Muskegon, Mich. Friends in the east, realizing his vast experience with the youth problems, urged him to come back and begin a program aimed at curbing juvenile delinquency. With their help, New Life Boys' Ranch was set up as a non-profit organization on March 1, 1954. A youth choir of thirty voices will be singing as well as their director-soloist, David Messer of Bernardston.

There is no admission charge to any of the services which begin at 7:30 each evening.

Beekeepers Hold Meet

The Franklin County Beekeepers' association met last Sunday at the home of the president, Carroll H. Miller, with 24 attending. A picnic lunch was served at 1:30 following which the beekeepers examined colonies of bees in Mr. Miller's apiary and discussed many phases of the work.

A picnic meeting of the association will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wyman of New Salem on August 4.

Offers Bulletin

The Franklin County Extension Service home department has offered information about food facts and nutrition and you may have the free copy of the bulletin, "Facts and Fads" by requesting it from the Franklin County Extension Service, Court House, Greenfield. By writing to the same address you may receive free information describing three different methods of simple, safe control of poison ivy. Just your name and address and the words "Poison Ivy" are sufficient.

Pomona Grange Officers Night Attracts Many

Monday evening the Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange met at the Northfield town hall for a "visiting Officers" night. There were 115 present at the 8 o'clock meeting with Norman G. Matthews, master, residing in the fourth degree.

The speaker of the evening was E. Gerry Mansfield of East Penn., master of the Massachusetts State Grange. Jerome Davis of Indiana, assistant to the master of the National Grange, Herchel D. Newsom, was present and spoke briefly. Other state officers present were:

State assistant steward, Frank Nelson of Athol; state Flora, Miss Florence Blish of Feeding Hills; chairman of the state agriculture service committee, Francis Barnard of Shelburne; chairman of the state educational aid committee, Ralph Blackmer of Shelburne; chairman of the state home and community service committee, Mrs. Elsie Havens of Holden; member of the educational aid committee, Mrs. Gertrude Stache of Southampton; deputies of the State Grange, Wesley Thayer of Feeding Hills, Fred Tirrell of Plainfield, John Robinson of Oakham, John Blackmer of North Orange, Sewell Needham of Ashburnham, Vernon A. King of Attleboro; juvenile deputy, Gladys Reed of Amherst, and deputy, Ralph Penno, and juvenile deputy, Mrs. Marguerite Penno of Brattleboro, Vt.

State officers, members of the Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange: Deputy Fred Bardwell of Whately; state youth committee, Victor Vaughn of Greenfield and member of the state home and community service committee, Mrs. Dorothy Whitney of Northfield.

Mrs. Elsie Havens of the state home and community service committee, announced that \$13,048.74 had been turned over to the Massachusetts division of the American Cancer society, the receipts from the suppers served during cancer month by the 308 subordinate Granges in the state.

It was voted to contribute \$5 to the farm youth exchange program.

An alternate delegate will be named to attend the summer lecturers' conference as Miss Marian Allen, lecturer, will be unable to attend.

The Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange youth fourth degree team won second place in the semi-finals which were exemplified on June 16 in Worcester and on Wednesday evening competed for first

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DAR Urges Display of Flags July 4 And Gives Rules for Flag's Use

Next week Thursday is the 4th of July and of course a day to be celebrated by young and old. The Daughters of the American Revolution are urging everyone to display the American flag on their home or grounds on that day. The homes, lawns and gardens on our streets are particularly beautiful this summer and flags are a definite addition and a reminder to all of our country and all it stands for.

When to display the U. S. flag: Independence day, July 4; V-J day, Aug. 14; Labor day, Sept. 5; Constitution day, Sept. 17; Columbus day, Oct. 12; United Nations week, Oct. 17; Veterans' day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving day, Nov. 25; Pearl Harbor day, Dec. 7; Christmas day, Dec. 25.

New Year's day, Jan. 1; Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12; Washington's birthday, Feb. 22; Americanism week, Feb. 12-22; Jefferson day, April 17; Freedom day U.S.A., May 1; Armed Forces day, May 20; Memorial day, May 30; Flag day, June 14.

Things to Remember

The flag should be displayed on

all days when the weather permits; especially on national and state holidays and such days as may be proclaimed by the President of the U.S. On Memorial day the flag should be half staffed until noon.

The flag should never be used as drapery of any sort whatsoever, never festooned, but always allowed to fall free. Bunting should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping the front of a platform.

No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the U. S. of America.

It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on flag-staffs in the open, but it should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement. The flag may be displayed at night upon special occasions when it is desired to produce a patriotic effect.

The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor of the Northfield Press:

May I respectfully call your attention to an error in the brief editorial, "We're on the Move," in the current edition of the Press? The author of the oft-quoted line, "Then, if ever, come perfect days," is James Russell Lowell, not Longfellow, as was stated.

The quotation is from the Prelude to part first in "The Vision of Sir Launfal," which, in seven stanzas of irregular length, has something of the sensitivity of Wordsworth in his "Intimations of Immortality" and the joyousness of Browning in his tremendous tone-poem, "Saul," added to Lowell's own tender perception of nature. I will quote only the first six lines of the fifth stanza in which he bursts forth in praise of June, hoping that your readers will be induced to read the whole of this highly spiritual poem:

"And what is so rare as a day in June?

Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then Heaven tries the earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays;

Whether we look, or whether we listen,

Walter E. Hallam

Private funeral services for Walter E. Hallam, 82, husband of Bessie (McIntyre) Hallam of 10 Highland Avenue, who died June 19 at the Franklin county public hospital following an illness of several months, were held Saturday, June 22, at the Swan Point cemetery chapel, Providence, R. I. Rev. Egbert C. Prime of the First Baptist church there officiated and burial was in the family lot in Swan Point cemetery.

Mr. Hallam was born in Central Falls, R. I., the son of Thomas and Isadore (Winterbottom) Hallam. A graduate of Rhode Island School of Design, he owned and operated the Hallam, Rice Jewelry Co. of Providence until retiring in 1925.

He lived in East Greenwich, R. I., before moving to Northfield in 1940. He was a member of Barney Merry Lodge of Masons.

He is survived by his widow and two cousins.

We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;

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Worship service with sermon, "The Things That Count," at 9:45 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. Church school will not meet again until September. Parents should bring children to church.

All who have articles to donate for the auction to be held over the Labor day weekend should call Dean Williams to have them picked up.

ST. PATRICK'S Catholic

REV. HENRY McKEON, Pastor
REV. ANTHONY RZASA, Curate
10:30—Mass.

GOSPEL SERVICES NO. 3 COMMUNITY

11 a. m., morning worship.
12 m., Sunday school.
6:15 p. m., Young Peoples.
7:30 p. m., Evening Service.

Richard Griffin of Deposit, N. Y. will be the guest speaker at the morning and evening services.

Monday evening, cottage prayer meeting, 7:30, followed by a business meeting.

The Daily Vacation Bible school will continue through the week omitting the session on July 4.

The Sing and Bring club tape recording is made Friday morning and there are no Friday afternoon meetings.

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10:30 a. m.—Junior Worship.
11:45—Sunday School.
6:30—Loyal Workers.
7:30—Evening Service.

The Daily Vacation Bible school begins Monday morning for a two week period with Miss Carol Schrey of Habbro, Penn., and Miss Audrey Palmer of Tunnemede, N. Y., in charge. Sessions are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. All who desire transportation or can help with transportation call Mr. Moore, 535.

Monday evening, Good Neighbors.

Thursday evening, 7:45, prayer meeting.

NORTHFIELD BAPTIST PAUL BUBAR, Pastor

10 a. m.—Sunday School
11 a. m.—Morning Worship
6:30 p. m. Young People
7:30 p. m.—Evening Service
Thursday, 7:30 p. m., prayer service.

Friday, 7:30 p. m., open-air tabernacle service.

CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES Rindge, N. H.

Sunday, 11 a. m., Masonic service sponsored by St. John's Council, No. 7, R. & S. M. of Keene, N. H., and Altemont Lodge No. 26, F. & A. M. of Peterborough, N. H., John A. Fitzgerald, arranging.

3 p. m., New England Grange "Go-to-church," Sunday, Mrs. Hazel B. Lemay, arranging.

7 p. m., The Church of the Sa-

viour, Providence, R. I. The Rev. Kenneth D. Higgenbotham, officiating and Youth choir.

July 4—3 p. m., Independence day memorial service.

The Evening Alliance of the Unitarian church will conduct a food sale on the lawn of the church Saturday afternoon at 1:30. It is in charge of the ways and means committee, Mrs. Ada Miner, Mrs. Mary Parker, Mrs. Myra Flanders and Mrs. Edith Smolen.

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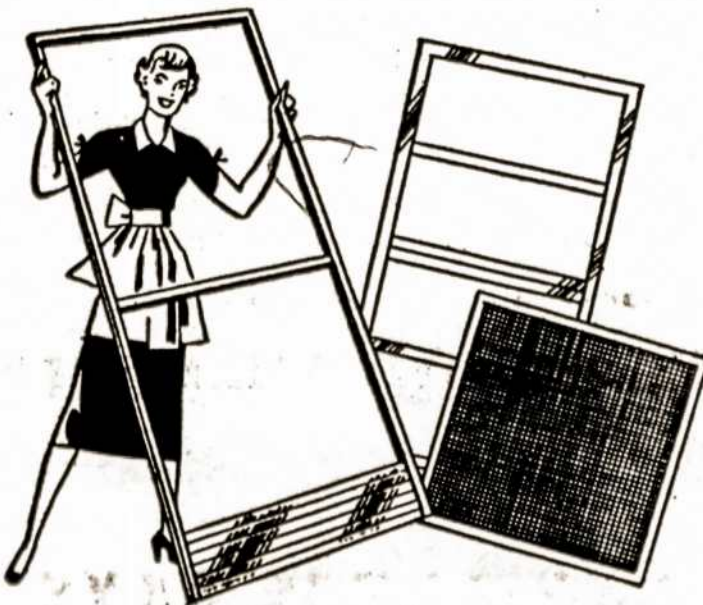
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Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

Gardner Hudson, chief of the Northfield fire department, and Roger Holton, also a member, have completed a fifteen-week Vermont state fire fighting course which has been conducted at the Brattleboro, Vt., fire station. They received their certificates at a banquet in the Hotel Brooks, Brattleboro, last Saturday evening. Among representatives from five states attending the presentation ceremonies, was Wallace E. Stange, chairman of the Northfield selectmen. A ten-week course in basic firefighting will be conducted at the Northfield fire station. The first of the weekly classes will be held June 27. Edward W. Tetreault, deputy chief of the Greenfield fire department, will be the instructor.

The Massachusetts Christian Endeavor is celebrating its 50th annual conference on the campus of The Northfield School for Girls from June 22 to June 29. The theme of the conference is "Hold High the Light," and the conference hymn is "There's a Light upon the Mountains." The presiding officer is Rev. H. Boyer Wild; the dean of faculty is Rev. Archibald L. MacMillan. Ward Abusamra, professor of music at Univer-

sity of Rhode Island is director of music. Delegates from more than 400 Massachusetts Protestant churches are attending.

The Northfield Baptist church has prepared an outdoor tabernacle which will seat 700 behind their church on Main street. Beginning June 28 at 7:30 p.m. they will hold meetings there for five successive weeks. The first speaker will be Rev. Larry McGuill, a former associate with the Word of Life camps.

The Duncan Campbells held a family reunion to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Campbell's mother, Mrs. Laura Peryer of St. Petersburg, Fla. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peryer of Concord, N. H., Mrs. Harlan Peryer and children from Marshfield, Vt., Mr. and Mrs. Dan Chase of Brookfield, Vt., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Berlind and son of Concord, N. H., and Mrs. Evelyn White and daughter of Danbury, Conn.

June 24th the Kiwanians went to Ed Parsons farm, which has been known as the Sylvester farm, in Hinsdale. The Logs were caterers and the entertainment was planned by the Parsons. Next Monday night the club will go to Johnny Spencer's camp on Lake Spofford where there will be swimming and boating as well as supper.

Mrs. St. J. Harvey and her sister are now at the Harvey's summer home on Davis Mt. and the Otto Carpenters have also arrived. Both houses are just below TV station WRLP which will open officially Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon C. Buffum have announced the marriage of their daughter Nancy Lou to Alvin O. Todd in Lake Wales, Fla., on June 19.

Billy Packard visited his grand-

mother, Mrs. W. R. Moody, this week on his way to the Breadloaf summer English school. He will teach in the English department at the University of Pennsylvania next winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Garland are in Northfield for the summer conferences. Mr. Garland plays the chimes on Sage chapel every evening and on Sundays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Loos of Princeton arrived at their Ridge cottage Friday night for a two-week vacation.

At the American Legion auxiliary meeting Wednesday evening it was reported that \$70 was received from the poppy sales the week of Decoration day.

Mrs. Robert Watson, aunt of Mrs. Mott Guhse, has returned to her cottage in the Highlands.

A cousin, Miss Laura Jean Ingalls, assistant librarian in the Plattsburg, N. Y., library, is spending a week with Mrs. Maude Wood. Hilda Beardsley of the Mt. Hermon staff is also from Plattsburg. Mrs. Wood expects her daughter, Gwen Sant Fournier, and granddaughter, Michelle, on June 29th. They are flying here from their home in Malta.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan and Diane of E. Orange, N. J., arrive at the Clifford Fields June 21. Mr. Ryan will go to Ohio for six weeks of college and his family will stay here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanson (Janet Pearsall) visited her sister, Nina, and her husband and baby daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth Anderson, at their home in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Gerald Stryker, formerly a teacher of English at The Northfield School for Girls, has become associate in religious education on the staff of the Rock Spring Congregational church in Arlington, Va. She has taught in schools in China and Taiwan, and her husband is head of the Far Eastern division of the Voice of America.

Mrs. Dorothy Hilliard of S. Vernon has taken a position with the home for the aged in Ashfield.

Rev. and Mrs. D. Harrison Smith of Westport are spending a week with Mrs. Francis Boynton.

Joseph Wharton has gone to Aurora, Ill., to attend the graduation exercises. This is the college which Martha Parsons will enter this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morlock of Foxboro and their children visited his parents.

The Unitarian church will have a family picnic Saturday.

A state directors' seminar on administration for vocational rehabilitation of handicapped persons is in session at the Northfield hotel. About 35 members under the supervision of the department of health, education and welfare are attending this two-week session which began Sunday and ends June 28.

Mrs. Frances Reed has resigned her position at the Franklin County hospital to accept a supervisor's position at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital.

Many friends of the Thomas J. Fosters will be sorry to learn that they have gone to New Jersey to make their home in Montvale near Ridgewood. They have spent many winters at the Northfield hotel. The book, "Larry," was written about their son.

Miss Mildred Orr and her brother Dick arrived Friday and opened their home on Pine street.

The Christian Endeavor conference opened Saturday. At the Sun-

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his lawn at 70 Main St.

At the Friendly Class annual picnic supper at the Spofford home of the Deans a surprise shower was held in honor of Marian Andrew who will marry Harry Griffin, Jr., of Charlemont July 28.

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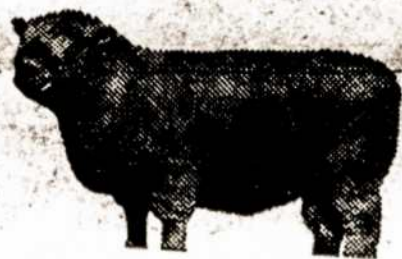


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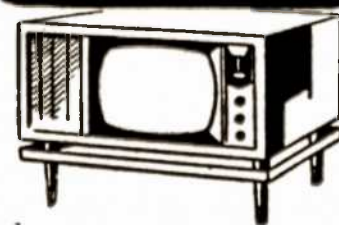
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The Story of 'Old' Northfield

Continued from Last Week

Seven years elapse before the second attempt is made to occupy Squakheag—years of undisturbed Indian possession and increasing Indian insolence and depredation. Smarting under them, the people of Hadley resolved that "we think the Lord calls us to make some trial what may be done against them suddenly without further delay and therefore the concurring resolution of men here seems to be to go out against them tomorrow night so as to be with them, the Lord assisting, before break of day." This devoutly undertaken venture leaves the story of the surprise at the falls that have perpetuated the name of the commander, Captain Turner, the return pursuit and the rout and death of Turner and his men in the swamp near present Greenfield.

The death of King Philip, Aug. 12, 1676, was the signal for the dispersion of the savages in this quarter and for the renewed at-

tempt to plant a settlement at Northfield. In 1682 the general course was petitioned to authorize return to this site. It was yet two years before a few of the grantees broke the land anew, planted crops and prepared to build houses. By 1686 the lots had been laid out on the liberal even-handed scheme that marked the justest town-planning of all time, and twenty-nine families were here. There was a sense of security and a confidence that homes were now building for permanence. The summer of 1688 brought new alarm. Parties of Indians, instigated by the French authorities in Canada, appeared in the valley, hired by the French governor to kill and scalp friendly Indians and Christians. Northfield's calm was broken by the killing of six persons—three men, two women and a girl, near the brook which crosses the present Main street.

Immediately half the families left and the remaining households were required to maintain the garrison of sixty soldiers billeted on them—five at least to each family.

"For our souls we have need to cry out, Have pity on us, for the

hand of God hath touched us and the Almighty hath dealt bitterly with us." This is the language not of prayer but of petition to the legislature signed "in behalf of all that are left at Northfield." "Hereby," recites the appeal, "we are reduced to twelve mean families... Our estates are exhaust by maintaining garrison soldiers and being kept from labor."

Resolute, ready to hold their ground, submissive to the will of the general court, these few were ready to remain but they demanded the return of those who had fled or consent that they who had stayed might leave. With deliberation that set a precedent for legislation that has been amply honored in all time since, the general court acted after the lapse of months, commanding the return of the deserters at peril of losing their lands. War had been declared between England and France, the exposure of the town to attack by Indians in French pay was extreme, and after a winter whose terrors for the twelve families we cannot picture, on June 25, 1690, the county court ordered the removal of the few families.

The settlers returned to their former homes, formed new settlements at Enfield and Westfield and Lebanon, and Northfield was returned to the wilds.

A quarter century elapses. It is filled with the tragic stories of Queen Anne's War—none more so than the destruction of Deerfield in 1704, and the carrying into Canadian captivity of not less than one hundred and twenty-three men, women and children—some to return later but a third of them adopting Indian or French habits, intermarrying with their captors, and being lost to light in another people.

The Treaty of Utrecht, March 30, 1713, brought the war to an end with the sequel that the leading hostile tribes of Indians in New England sent in a flag of truce to the colonial governments. Lasting peace assured, the surviving proprietors of the Squakheag plantation promptly sought to reclaim and restore their lands.

1714—Eight of the "engagers" returned—controversy over the taxation of the absentee owners delayed full resettlement—new allotments were made in due form—the foundations of town government were gradually restored—a minister was settled—the gristmill and the sawmill were secured under subsidy of liberal grants of land—the first town tax was laid—the town possessed itself of a scow, establishing the municipal ferry at Bennett's meadow.

A meeting-house was built in the middle of the street, nearly in front of the site of the present First Parish church—brickmaking began—the main street was narrowed to six rods (land had assumed a value now)—town meetings came to be held annually, with choice of town clerk, constable, surveyors of highways, tything man, fence viewers, committee to gather wood for the minister. Farms of one hundred and fifty acres each, down the river, were given the committee in charge of the town's affairs and a similar one to the surveyor who had newly laid out the farms, thus establishing the name of Northfield Farms. Population rapidly increased—the general court established a garrison of ten soldiers in the colony's pay—under the dread of a new war, two forts were built—the able-bodied men between sixteen and sixty were enrolled in a militia company—the spinning wheel and loom were set up in each household—the maltster arrived (well ahead of the shoemaker)—these the tokens of a firm establishment, reaching its full recognition in the formal creation as a legal entity of the town of Northfield in 1723. The charter of Northfield enacted by the general assembly for the Province of Massachusetts Bay, held at Boston the 29th of May, 1723, bears the consent of Governor William Dummer on Saturday, June 15, 1723.

Two centuries of town life stretch between the formal act of recognition and this day, lengthened by precisely a half century

of a struggling settlement—of brave encounter, of strife, of sacrifice, of terror and of desolation. No element of pioneer character is lacking in the period of its forming. In the reverent moulding of its "engagers," may we not say that God meant this terror to be? The significance of the determination of its founders is not local, nor provincial, it is national. Not elsewhere in the continent that has yielded to the march of civilization, is there richer occasion to pay reverence to the American pioneer, not elsewhere his struggle more brave, his sufferings more extreme, his faith more sublime, his virtues more stalwart, than in the capture from wilderness and treacherous foe, than in the honoring memory of thrice-settled Northfield.

The story of tragedy and of peril does not end so early. The final settlement was soon overshadowed by another war dance. On the surface, an encounter between the people of Massachusetts and New Hampshire on the one side and the eastern Indians on the other, the real power with which these two colonies were at war was the governor-general of Canada backed by the king of France. Known as Father Ralle's war, from the recorded fact of the instigation of its outrages by Sabastian Ralle, it opened in 1722 and ended in 1726. In this period, Northfield was constantly exposed and its men were constantly in garrison and field. Eighteen years of peace ensued. The occupation of the valley had advanced northward. Fort Dummer had been built as a further outpost of defense. Charlestown, N. H., had appeared and had been fortified and between lay other little settlements. In 1744 England and France again entered upon war. Northfield men enlisted—were in the siege of Louisburg and at the defense of Fort Massachusetts. War came near in the assault by eighty French and Indians upon the fort in Great Meadow. The region became infested with the enemy and outrages multiplied—the picking off of a farmer going for his cattle, the slaughter of a household,

the swoop down upon an exposed hamlet, and major events like the destruction of Fort Massachusetts. To this chapter belong the killing of Benjamin Wright, Nathaniel Dickinson and Asahel Burt, the battle between Sergeant Taylor and the French and Indians on the trail from Northfield to Fort Dummer and the killing of Aaron Belding on the ledge north of Mill brook in Main street. The peace of 1749 was of but five years' duration. Northfield again became a fortified town. In the succeeding ten years, Northfield men were enrolled in one after another of the British military expeditions. Her forts were garrisoned and skulking Indians served to keep the people in a state of alarm. It was not until 1760 that the last Northfield men were relieved from service.

For 77 years the ground was within the frontier wars. Their lives were overshadowed by the menace of the acts of savage foes. Their sons grew to manhood to be lifelong bearers of arms. Supreme sacrifices were faced and met with a valor and a devotion and a faith, the majesty of which has not yet been paid adequate honor.

Of such a town, with such a people, and such a training in valor and loyalty, it seems but the recording of a natural sequence that when the Stamp Act stirred the colony against oppression, its families quietly but unanimously resolved to forego entirely the use of tea and of foreign calicoes and woolen dress goods and return to their sage and their homespun. Flocks of sheep increased from 437 in 1771 to 2,216 in 1777. Flax again grew in its meadows. The spinning wheel returned to the household.

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Through a Kitchen Window

Are you acquainted with swamp apples, Pinxter apples or the New England May-apple? (I don't mean the May-apple known to botanists as *Podophyllum*.) Maybe you call them Azalea apples.

During the month of June a ramble in the woods might reward you if you have sharp eyes and a certain amount of luck, accompanied by a sense of adventure.

Years ago we'd heard folks tell about swamp apples growing on the lovely swamp pink and wondered what they meant since the only fruit we'd ever remembered on these azalea bushes was a dry capsule not a fleshy fruit.

A chance remark a few weeks ago led us to wonder actively and renew the search with the hope of finding out the true identity of this "elusive something."

We started with the premise that a swamp apple was a gall of some sort. So we consulted several books on entomology, three on edible wild foods, three botanies, three mushroom and fungi books—all to no avail. None of them alluded to the swamp apple, or any of the other names it goes by.

If we had had a "bird in the hand" it would have facilitated matters. We might have been able to tell a little something more about its nature. We did hunt up



several spots where azalea grows and scrutinized the shrubs near at hand but none of these plants yielded any growth such as recounted by countrymen of years ago.

Undaunted we continued our search. Found one book that said a swamp apple was a juicy gall found on twigs and leaves of azalea, delicious eaten fresh or pickled in vinegar for later use. This was our first real clue. It gave us a sense of elation and we felt we were getting warm.

Galls. Are these galls insect caused or produced by a fungus? If the work of an insect there'd be some evidence—either the insect inside or a hole where it had emerged. The only trouble with that idea was that we had nothing from which to find out.

Investigating further we phoned an old friend. He resorted to Webster with the following definition: "Swamp apple: large white or pink slightly acid gall on swamp azaleas caused by the fungus *Exobasidium azaleae*."

The 1953 yearbook of agriculture titled "Plant Diseases" put out by the USDA, pictures in color or a pale pink fungus growth on Plate II with the inscription: "Exobasidium fungus gall on azalea, prominent but usually unimportant." There was no text, just the picture.

Several hours and many books later we talked with a plant pathologist friend who said the Pinxter apples were caused by *Exobasidium vaccinii*, found on the leaves and flowers of various species of Rhododendron (scientific name of azalea) and cranberries. The galls on Rhododendron were pale in color, some nearly 2 inches across, while those on cranberry were rosy color and from 1/2 - 3/4 inch in size. When we asked if they were good to eat he said it was possible some people thought so but he found them sour. We have been promised any he finds.

We next consulted an old-timer who has lived close to nature. He brightened with real interest as he talked. We spoke of the comment made by the USDA book. "Unimportant indeed," he said. "As a small boy I can remember swamp apples that melted in my mouth and quenched my thirst. Very important I'd say." The mere mention of them, we could see, brought back delicious memories

Backyard Gardener

Should you water your lawn and garden during drought periods? Experts all agree that unless you can apply enough water to thoroughly soak the soil, you are doing the plants more harm than good. Also, you are wasting water.

Methods and equipment for watering vary, but the main thing is to get water into the soil. In the past, I have recommended that you should add enough water to soak to a depth of 6". A trowel in this case should be inserted into the soil to check the depth of the water penetration. Dr. John Havis, director of the University's Waltham field station, states there is an easier method. Simply place an empty coffee can under the sprinkler and when it fills 1" from the bottom, move the sprinkler and the empty coffee can to a new location.

Cecil Thomson, Extension specialist in vegetable crops, states that most soils will not take more than 1" of water at one time before you have run-off. In some cases it may be advisable to apply 1/2" of water and apply 1/2" more the following day.

How much run-off you get will depend on the degree of slope, flow of water and size of droplets dispersed by the sprinkler. However, with too fine a mist, you may lose too much by evaporation.

The oscillating sprinkler swings gently backward and forward and throws a curtain of spray evenly over a rectangular area. This type does not reduce the flow of water as much as most rotary sprinklers. Also, the spray is very similar to natural rainfall.

Perforated plastic hose, or the porous canvas hose, are relatively inexpensive types of watering equipment. My neighbor is well pleased with his plastic hose sprinkler for his sloping ground. However, he has found that when the faucet is on full, the spray is too fine and much is lost by evaporation.

The porous canvas hose does not wash away the soil or wet the foliage. The water seeps slowly through the hose directly to the soil. It is an excellent way to water rose beds and thus reduce the spread of black spot and mildew diseases. Mulch your flower beds to hold moisture in the soil. A mulch such as peat moss or old sawdust will also prevent the run-off of water during artificial watering and during heavy rains.

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The Bernardston Grange will conduct a public card party at the Grange hall on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, also a public dance at the Bernardston town hall the same evening at the same time.

The meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union which had been scheduled for Wednesday of this week was cancelled.

The committee members who served the fine summer festival supper at the Congregational church last evening were Miss Sophie Servaes, chairman; Mrs. Harold Frazier, Miss Helen Handy, Mrs. Irwin Severance, Mrs. Edward Vinten, Mrs. Donald McColester, Mrs. Mildred Nims, Mrs. Arthur Pietz, Mrs. Ronald Walker, Miss Marjorie Lawrence, Mrs. Vernon Taylor, Mrs. Julian Black and Mrs. Carl Peterson. Mrs. Leonard Lanphear was in charge of the dining room.



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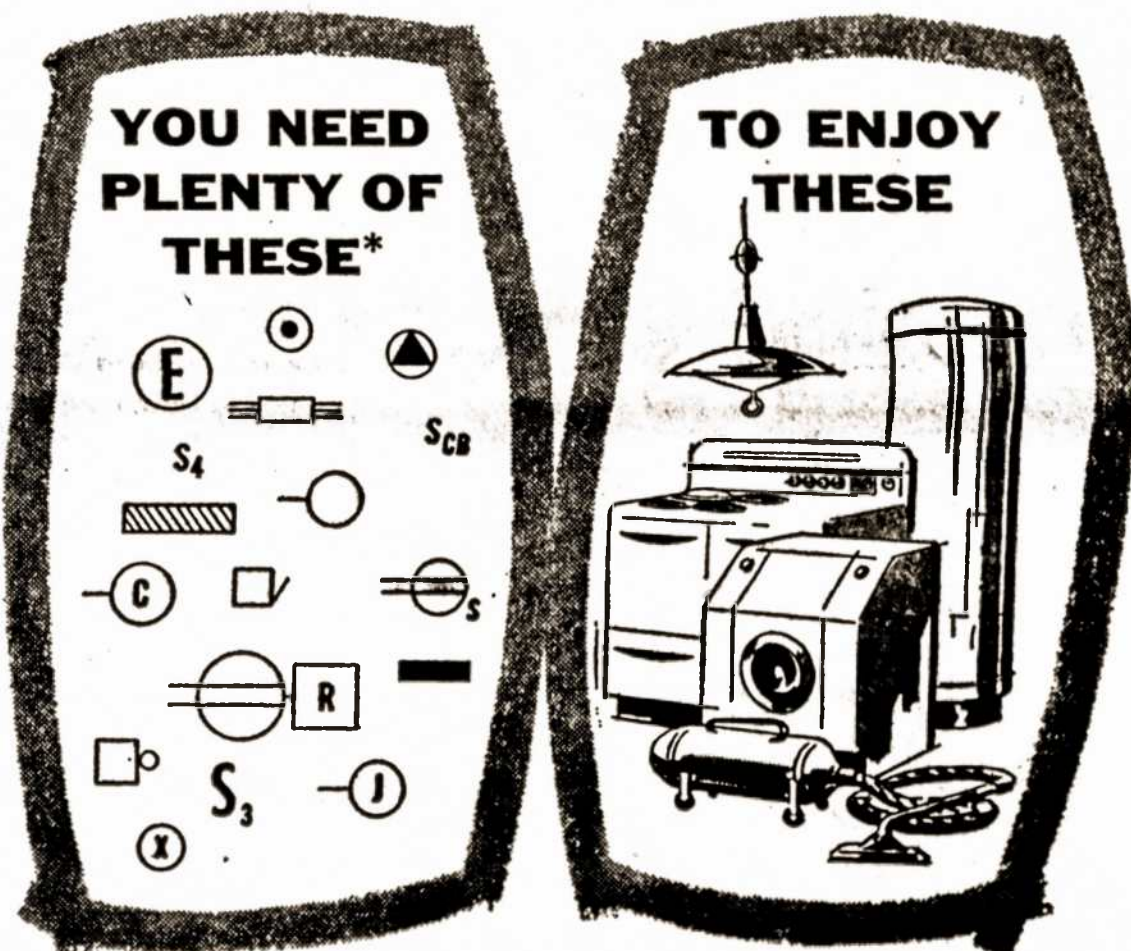
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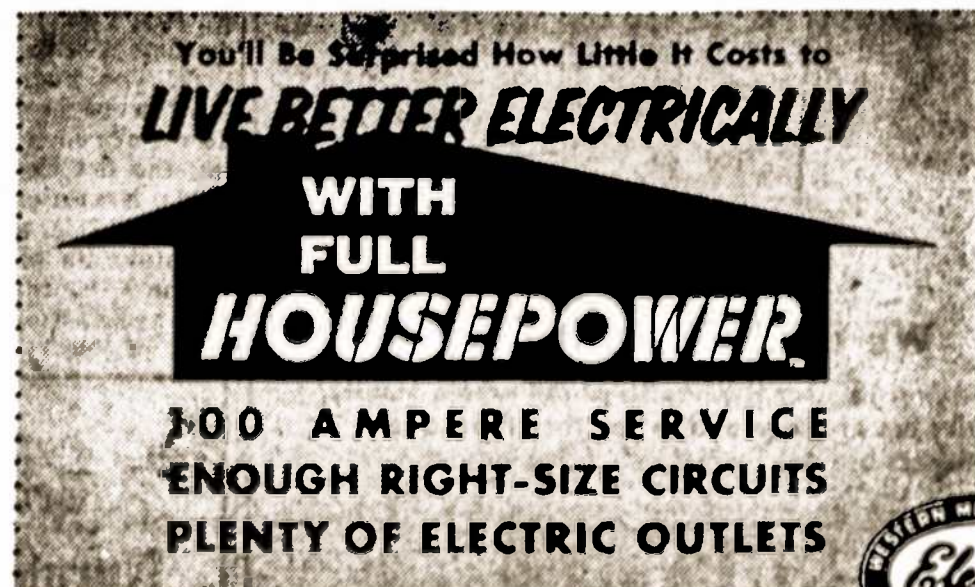
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The Story of 'Old' Northfield

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Ensign Phineas Wright was in the first provincial congress. Ebenezer Janes in the second. The alarm of the battle of Lexington reached Northfield April 20 and before night Captain Eldad Wright and his men were on the way to Cambridge. In February, 1776, a company was recruited here with Thomas Alexander as its captain and in March was ordered to join the expedition to Canada. Northfield men were with Washington in New Jersey, at Ticonderoga, at Bennington, at the surrender of Burgoyne, at West Point at the time of Arnold's treachery. Town meetings continued to provide men for the Continental army down to the midsummer of 1781—three months before the surrender of Cornwallis.

The annals of Northfield are the consistent record of the development of the character of the founders—the story of a New England town. Responsive to every call to service in arms, her glory has been as great in the sturdy independence of her people, the devotion to those community interests of home and school and church, in which the first comers were as much "engagers" as in occupation of the land. Her people have been if not of the same blood, of the same sort, as those who first came. The one exception came with the building of the first railroad—the Vermont and Massachusetts—that through line from Boston to Fitchburg, along the Millers Valley and turning northward at Grout's tavern in Montague, crossed the Connecticut at Northfield. The laborers in this construction were Irishmen. They turned from their completed job to settle in the towns along the way. Northfield had its

colony of them, and here they have their descendants of the second and third generation, supplying in the community the place that was forecasted in the presence of Cornelius Merry, one of their race among the first settlers. There is testimony to the unity of the people of a town, who, with their differences of religious belief taken very seriously, when its Irish Catholic families sought to build their church, contributed to the fund—they of the First Parish and they of the Orthodox church, including the one whose evangelistic leadership has made Northfield known the world around.

Now comes a distinct chapter in Northfield history, but a consistent part of its record.

Dwight Lyman Moody's return to Northfield, the town of his birth and boyhood, was an event of more than domestic interest. It was destined to give to the town another distinction than the generic one of being a beautiful, quiet, New England community of farmers. It was for him to be the rediscoverer of the town, from which indeed he had never severed himself, as the place for the foundations of his most enduring work.

It would be easy as it is customary, to speak of the development of Mr. Moody's life and work here as the making of another Northfield. Such a detachment of it from the Northfield of two centuries of background is not with full warrant. Physically, it was the appropriation by a man of vision and of keen practical judgment of slopes familiar to him from infancy to a purpose that mastered his life. Personally, it was the discovery by him of the natural elements fit by their charm and quiet to become the scene of one of the chief ventures of his always venturesome enterprise. Historically it was a fruition of the controlling design of the men who first claimed this region from the wilds.

Mr. Moody was the unqualified product of New England. He was not only of an entirely Yankee ancestry, but entirely of a Northfield

lineage. Five first settlers established here their lines of descent, Alexander, Janes, Wright, Dickinson, Lyman.

Three, at least, of the five were lineal ancestors of Dwight Moody. He was an Alexander, a Wright, a Dickinson. His own middle name, Lyman, suggests that somewhere he was also of this line. It is possible that it can be said he was a Janes. Moreover, he was a Holton, in direct line from William Holton of the second settlement, founder of the family here. A Stratton, by descent from Hezekiah of the first permanent settlers. Indeed, to invade the list of the families in the third settlement is to extend the claim of early Northfield ancestry beyond the limits of time and patience for other than a devoted genealogist.

He was of Northfield by every association—all of his schooling in town schools; all of his religious training in the First Parish church and Sunday school, where his mother worshipped, and where his brothers, as well as this uncle of both the Holton and the Moody families, were the very pillars. His own deep religious experience came after he left Northfield as a boy to work in his uncle's shoe store in Boston. Energy, shrewdness, earnestness, physical strength, were in him the clearly marked endowment of his rugged New England ancestry.

That these qualities found their outlet in religious leadership, coming from his own deep conviction, and in the building of schools where Bible study is required, is fulfillment of the pious design the founders of Northfield had for their community. The institutions of Mr. Moody's founding fit into the landscape of the valley not more naturally than his own devoutness and energy in the spread of religion fit into the design of realization the New England pioneers wrought out in their social scheme.

Mr. Moody's return to Northfield brought marked changes. The pastures and fields on the slopes of the hill on whose summit was his birthplace came to be the campus of a school whose influence goes around the world. The cornerstone of the first of its buildings was laid in 1879, and the other buildings came in rapid succession, making the town astir with trades. His call of Christian workers into convocations here brought throngs into the town's hitherto quiet summers. Northfield came to have a name in the world as the radiating point of religious fervor and endeavor. His own preaching brought, religious awakening to the unchurched.

It stirred the discussion of points of belief and emphasized differences that had been lightly carried. To this extent it was divisive, but not further. The service of this ardent leader to mankind, the immeasurable effect of his personal appeal upon the lives of men, the impetus he gave to missionary effort—the strength, the vigor, the earnestness and the achievements of this son of the town were the pride of its people, however aligned in their religious beliefs and attachments.

His chapter in the making of the town as we now know it is consistent with the rest of its history. The men of New England have a reputation for integrity. There are men of character leading the list there, men who have made Northfield famous; and if Northfield is still to continue to maintain its place in the future, it must continue to breed men who are men of integrity. The future of New England is bright

and Northfield is a place in which we are glad to live.

All the former pastors of Northfield were present at the anniversary and were heard at that time.

Rev. Daniel Monroe Wilson: It took a shower of bullets and a flight of arrows to drive your ancestors into shelter—but only a shower of rain to drive the citizens of this town and visitors into this splendid hall of learning.

Northfield is a place where a great welcome awaits you. It is God's country. When Dwight L. Moody was aboard he longed for Northfield and one of the first things he did was to come back to Northfield with great ideas in his head and he made Northfield what it is, because Northfield was great before he came—a great scene and a great man combined together to establish the institutions which you have.

Dr. Richard Mason Smith of Boston is a direct descendant of George Alexander who settled in Northfield at the time of the first settlement in 1673. He is descended also from Rev. Thomas Mason, pastor of the Northfield church from 1799 to 1830, who was known as Priest Mason.

Early impressions should be good ones and guide us into the paths that are desirable.

A good deal has been said about leadership and characteristics of our forefathers; characteristics that exhibited in the men of New England through a good many generations.

I firmly believe that New England has a history ahead of it, that its history has not yet all been written and that fifty years

from now we shall still be able to point with pride to the history of the last two hundred and fifty years and of the fifty years yet ahead of us.

Certain characteristics must be maintained which have been fundamental in the life of New England. There are two or three traits of character which are firmly fixed in our minds as characteristic of New England. First of all, Northfield would never have been what it has been if those men had not possessed a great ability to overcome obstacles. It had to be settled many times before it became permanent. Obstacles were overcome. Whatever difficulties were present were met with courage that recognized obstacles to be overcome, not obstacles to be yielded to.

In the second place, people of New England made great personal sacrifices for the future. The reasoning of the men of yesterday to the problems put before them was not "What does this bring to me?" but "What opportunity does this give me to be of service?" They came with a vision of the future; they came at great personal physical sacrifice—death in many instances—they came because they were willing themselves to contribute whatever they had to the future. We must approach the problems of today in that same spirit. They can be solved only as we meet them in a spirit of unselfishness and service.

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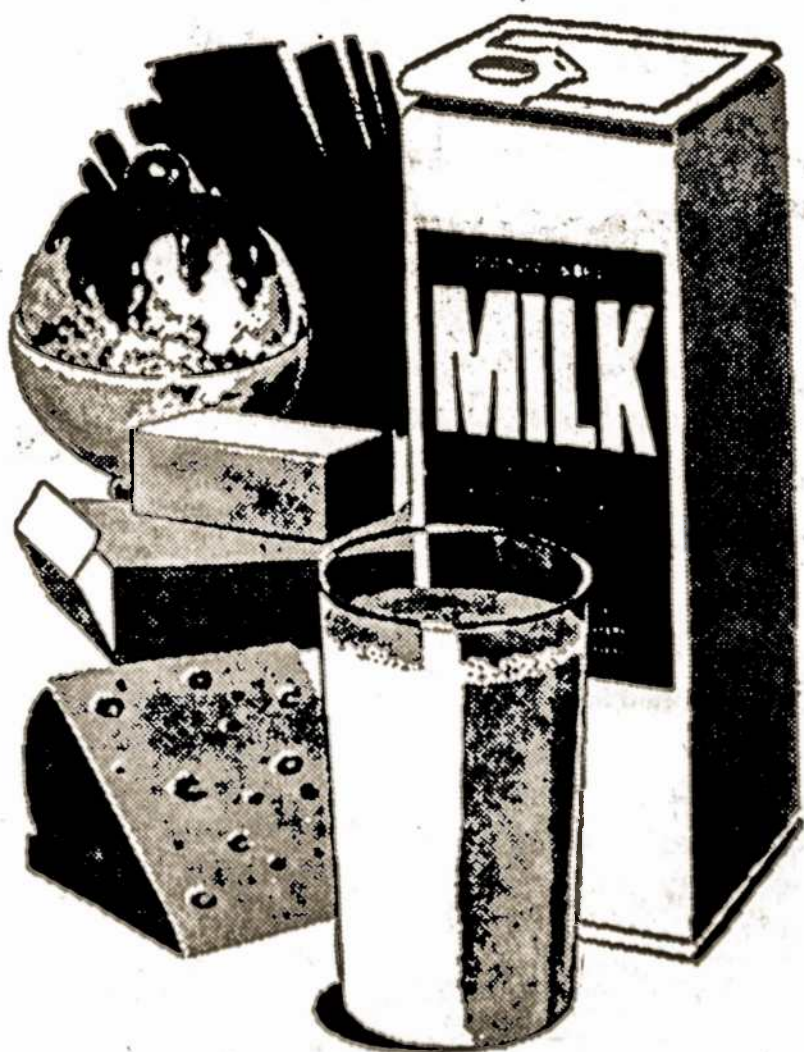
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And from the December issue of Harper's for the year 1858 we read that "The reports of the discovery of gold near Pike's Peak in Kansas are confirmed. The Kan-

sas Weekly Press of October 23, states that miner had just reached Elwood with \$7,000 in gold dust, which had been gathered by three men in two months. The latest intelligence describes the country as very inviting to emigrants, large numbers of whom are preparing to make the journey in the spring." And also this news item: "The Indians on the frontiers are troublesome. The Navajos in New Mexico are hostile, and two engagements have been fought with them. It has been found necessary to raise a body of troops in Texas to protect the frontiers from the incursions of the savages. In an action, near Wachita Village in Utah, between a detachment of the 2nd Cavalry and a party of Comanches, five of the former and forty of the latter were killed. In Oregon the Indians are suing for peace, which Col. Wright, who commands our troops, has refused to grant unless they will surrender unconditionally, and bring in all their women and property."

Today, June 27, is Helen Keller's birthday. Here is a quotation from her writings which is well worth following: "Join the great company of those who make the barren places of the earth fruitful with kindness. Carry a vision of heaven in your hearts and you shall make your home, your school, your world correspond to that vision. Your success and happiness lies within you. External conditions are the accidents of life, its outer trappings. The great

enduring realities are love and service. Joy is the holy fire that keeps our purpose warm and our intelligence aglow. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulty. Happiness cannot come from without. It must come from within. It is not what we see and touch or that which others do for us which makes us happy; it is that which we think and feel and do, first for the other fellow and then for ourselves."

And now listen to these words written by Matthew Hunt:

"Better than grandeur, better than gold,
Than rank and title a thousand-fold,
Is a healthy body, a mind at ease,
And simple manners that always please,
A heart that can feel for another's woe,
And share his joys with a genial glow,—
With sympathies large enough to enfold
All men as brothers—is better than gold."

One's chiefest duty here below
Is not the seeming great to do,
That the vain world may pause to see,
But in steadfast humility
To walk the common walk, and hear
The thousand things, the trifling care,
In love, with wisdom, patiently.
Thus each one in his narrow groove

The great world near God may move.

The Community club of Northfield Farms has made plans for a picnic outing for the folks in that area on Saturday at 6:30. There will be a baseball game between the men and boys of the neighborhood. Each family will take its own picnic lunch and watermelon will be served following the game.

Pvt. Henry E. Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyd of Wana-maker Road, is receiving eight weeks' basic combat training with the 4th armored division at Fort Hood, Texas. He was employed by White-Washburne in Hinsdale before entering the service.

Dickinson Library Notes

Mrs. Florence Phelps, Librarian

Work at the library is going with more than usual interest shown by our readers. For the first three weeks in June there was an overall increase in circulation of nearly 100 over the same period last year.

With the return of our summer residents to their homes on the "Ridge" in East Northfield, the circulation received an added impetus—especially in the children's books.

We deplore the fact that we haven't more new children's books. I was able to borrow a good many from the state Bookmobile which is a great help, however.

When visiting the library be sure to see the fine exhibit of the work of Mrs. Dorothy Miller in the reading room. This will be held until the end of next week. We hope other artists or hobbyists will be willing to "put on an exhibit" of their work this summer. Please contact Mrs. Phelps at the library if interested in doing this.

A most interesting "picture post-card" has been given to the library by Mrs. Maude Wood. The picture was taken at the dedication of the "Belcher Fountain," here in the center of town.

Next week I hope to be able to give an announcement of another addition to our collection on the second floor of the library, which I am sure will be of great interest to the children.

Although there is to be no

"reading contest," we will register names of any children, grades one through eight, who wish to have records kept of books they have read and receive certificates for each five books. There will be no reports given but each will be encouraged to read books of their own age and grade level.

Following are some of the books of non-fiction, which will be here until latter part of August:

What's new in gardening, by Dr. Pirone, plant pathologist at New York botanical garden. Brings you up-to-date on latest plants, material and methods.

Jogging around New England, by C. H. Towne is just what the title suggests.

Thirty years by John Marquard contains essays and short stories by this well known author.

John Sloane, a painter's life, by Van Wyck Brooks. A record of Sloane's work and thought and of the influences and convictions that shaped his art.

The solitary singer, a critical biography of Walt Whitman.

Bands of America is a nostalgic, illustrated history of the Golden Age of Band Music by H. W. Schwartz.

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Historical Museum To Open Sunday

The Historical society's museum on Pine street in East Northfield will be open for the first time this year on Sunday afternoon, June 30, from 3 to 5 o'clock. There is no admission charge and everyone who is interested is cordially invited to come and see the many fine exhibits and articles which literally fill the entire space in the building. Most of the articles have been given to the Historical society and some are on loan.

The wild life museum formerly owned by Luman R. Nelson of Winchester is now open at the Hogback Mountain Gift Shop in Vermont and is now open to the public there. For years this was one of the places annually visited by children and adults, the work of a lifetime by Mr. Nelson. It contains over 500 specimens of mounted birds and animals and is now a major attraction of that area.

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Packing Well Makes Traveling Easier

Going someplace? Everyone is—for a weekend, two-week vacation, or a trip abroad. Wherever you go, the success of your trip depends in part on how well you pack, says Virginia Davis, Extension clothing specialist at the University of Massachusetts.

Successful packing requires a plan. When you know where you're going and how you will travel, decide what to pack and how. Miss Davis advises that you make a list of all the things you'll need. If you do this several days in advance of the actual packing, you're more likely to remember everything.

Use the list to organize the items into several piles—shoes, suits and dresses, shirts and blouses, small accessories, and cosmetics. Now you're ready to pack. Experienced travelers have found that it pays to pack in layers—heavy garments and shoes on the bottom, sweaters, blouses and shirts next, and sleeping apparel on the top, as you'll probably want them first.

You can conserve space by putting small things into shoes and along the sides where folded garments never quite take up all the space. Roll sweaters so they will take less room and also wrinkle

News Notes from Northfield

Little League baseball games scheduled for this coming week are: with Winchester here on the high school field on July 1 and with Hinsdale here on July 4. The July 4th game will be in the afternoon but other games are played as near 6 o'clock in the evening as possible.

Sr. Capt. James C. Geddes who has been in charge of this area's Salvation Army activities with headquarters in Greenfield has been transferred to the Saco, Me., post. Capt. Geddes with his wife and three children came to this area last year in June from Beacon, N. Y., where he had served for several years.

An announcement has been made concerning the distribution to towns of state income and corporation tax receipts from the state tax commissioner's office. Bearnardston will receive \$7,914 and Northfield \$12,576.

The parish committee met on Tuesday evening at the Unitarian

less. Stiff petticoats will travel nicely if rolled and pulled into an old nylon stocking, says Miss Davis.

She advises that you choose garments made out of packable fabrics, such as those treated for wrinkle resistance. But don't tax their qualities too much by packing too tightly. Starched clothes do not pack well. Applying a water repellent finish to washable garments will give them much the same "packability" as commercial wrinkle resistant finishes and some of the freshness of starching.

When you finish packing, put your list in too. Miss Davis suggests that it serves as a good check list when you get ready to pack up to come home.

church vestry. Further plans were discussed for the annual auction to be held at the town hall the Saturday evening before Labor day. Dean Williams is chairman, and other members are Kenneth Miller, Francis Reed, Joseph Smolen, Ray Knapp, Glenn Billings, Clarence Spaulding, Philip Kavanaugh, Herman Miner and Carroll H. Miller. Anyone who has articles to contribute to this auction may contact anyone of this committee.

The American Legion Auxiliary met last week Wednesday evening at the Legion rooms at the town hall for the final meeting until September, when the nomination and election of officers will take place. It was reported that \$70 was received for the sale of poppies at the pre-Memorial day sale.

Miss Nancy Oakman attended Girls' State at Bridgewater Teachers' college as a representative of this auxiliary. There was a small attendance at the meeting but routine business was taken care of.

Our minds, as well as our bodies, have need of the out-of-doors. Our spirits, too, need simple things, elemental things—the sun and wind and rain, moonlight and starlight, sunrise and mist and mossy forest trails, the perfumes of dawn and the smell of the fresh turned earth and the ancient music of wind among the trees.—Edward W. Teale in Home Bureau Fed. News

Winners at the card party last evening, sponsored by the Northfield Grange, were: ladies' high,

Pomona Grange ...

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place with the degree team from Mayflower Pomona of the Cape Cod area following the banquet of the Mass. youth leader-training conference at the University of Massachusetts.

Miss Dorothy Aiken, chairman of the youth committee, was in charge of this project for this Pomona and Deputy Fred Bardwell served as advisor. The young people on these competing teams were under 30 years of age.

Mrs. Isabel Carter, master of the local Grange, offered the address of welcome and a response was given by Dorrae Graves of Montague.

Supper was served at 7 o'clock in the town hall dining room in charge of Mrs. Alice Holloway. A Pomona Grange field day is scheduled for July 6.

The next regular meeting will be at Sunderland on September 23 when officers will be elected.

Northfield Grange will have a picnic on July 9, the time and place to be announced. At the meeting on July 23 there will be a Civil Defense program. The July feast committee is Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Shine, David and Curtis Shine and Mrs. Lura Stone.

"The Old Homestead" ...

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Special arrangements are made for invalids to be driven on the grounds and wheel chairs may be accommodated if necessary.

For reservations write or telephone Miss Alice Marsh, The Old Homestead Association, Box 168, Keene, N. H., or phone Keene, Elmwood 2-1988. Tickets may be purchased at Bullard and Shedd's in Keene beginning July 8.

Mrs. O. J. Osgood of Greenfield, and men's high, Charles Hewitt of Gill; door awards went to Mr. Petroski of Turners Falls, Mrs. Lotie Smith of Millers Falls, Charles Hewitt of Gill, Mrs. Etta Kavanaugh of Northfield. The next card party will be held at the Grange hall on July 20.

Five Massachusetts women plan to attend the Triennial meeting of the Associated County Women of the World in Ceylon, July 3 to 13. The conference was originally planned for December, but due to the Suez crisis at that time it had to be postponed.

Mrs. C. Arthur Dowse, Sherborn, Mrs. Corodon S. Fuller, Foxboro, Mrs. Dean Ricker, Shrewsbury, Mrs. George A. Carr, Franklin, and Mrs. F. Russell Greeley, Norfolk are the five who plan to attend as Massachusetts representatives. The delegation will report on the conference to the State and County Home Demonstration councils in early fall.

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